

# Germantown Parks and Recreation

## 2011 Adult Baseball League

### RULES & BY-LAWS

**ENTRY FEE:** \$1,500 League entry fee is non-refundable.

**Number of Games:** 18 plus playoffs for top 8 teams

**League Begins:** June, 2011

### FIELD HOTLINE (Rain Check) 751-KNOW

<http://www.germantown-tn.gov/index.aspx?page=489>

General Rules and Regulations will follow the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Baseball Rules, except when as amended herein. April 30, 2011

### UNIFORMS and EQUIPMENT:

- All players on all teams must wear full baseball uniforms. Each team must wear the same color jersey. Shirts must be alike (same base color with a legal number) No taped or written numbers.
- All teams must use baseballs provided by the league. Each team will provide two (2) new baseballs for each game. The umpire shall inspect the baseballs and ensure they are regulation baseballs and shall be the sole judge of the fitness of the balls to be used in the game.

### ROSTERS and LINEUP:

- Roster may list up to 30 players' full name and working telephone number. Managers will give a copy to every other manager, upon request.
- In order to qualify for tournament play, a rostered player must have played in at least three (3) regularly scheduled league games for their team (only GABL scheduled games count on this total). This eliminates the July 1 date to add players.
- All players playing in this league must be on a roster. Any player appearing on an GABL Roster and playing under an assumed name shall be suspended for not less than one (1) year.
- Players may only play for one team within the league. Teams who use a player who is not on their roster will forfeit each game they use an illegal player.
- NCAA Baseball rules apply; DH and a maximum of one (1) EH may be used. Teams can bat ten (10) men, if desired. **However**, if you start with ten (10) batters, you must finish with ten (10) batters, or the batting team will be issued an automatic out per missing batter.
  1. **Designated Hitter** – A player who is designated to bat for the pitcher only. A pitcher may serve as the pitcher and designated hitter, if you choose. This would allow him to bat after he is relieved of his pitching duties.
- Teams may start and finish with eight (8) players. The ninth spot in the lineup is an automatic out until if/when the position is filled. A team having eight (8) may opt to serve as the visiting team, if agreed upon by both teams.
- There will be a five (5) minute grace period for the **first game of the day** only. This grace period will not count into the two (2) hour time limit. After the five (5) minute grace period ends, the game will be called a forfeit for a team having less than eight (8) players.

### COURTESY RUNNERS:

- A courtesy runner will be allowed for **pitcher and catcher only**. Runner must be a player not in the lineup or the player that made the last out.

### RUN RULES and TIES:

- The plate umpire will announce the start time to both teams prior to the 1<sup>st</sup> pitch. This ensures that both teams know when two (2) hours has been reached.
- Ten (10) run limit after five (5) innings. Twelve (12) run limit after four (4) innings.

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- No new inning will begin if there are five (5) or fewer minutes left to play, **ONLY when a game has a five (5) or more run differential. All other games will play the full two (2) hours.**
  1. A new inning begins as soon as the 3<sup>rd</sup> out has been recorded in the previous inning.
- If the game ends in a tie, the tie will stand in regards to standings. Head to head ties will be broken by head to head W/L. If in fact the tie still remains it will be broken by runs scored/run allowed in head to head games.
- Time limit is 2 hours. Umpire is responsible for keeping the official time clock. Ties will not be broken unless time remains on the clock.

#### **INCLEMENT WEATHER:**

- If it has been determined prior to game time that games will not be played, the Field Hotline (751-KNOW) will be updated to note the change. The hotline will be updated on weekdays after 3:00 pm and on Sunday by 11:00 am.
- If due to multiple games rained out late in the season, the League Director can determine that a certain game not be made up, if time does not permit to do so.

#### **UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT:**

- **THERE WILL BE ZERO TOLERANCE** for fighting, "taking out" a player, confronting an umpire, intentionally throwing at a batter, or any other behavior deemed unsportsmanlike.
- Player(s) ejected from a game will serve an automatic one (1) game suspension effective immediately. Players with multiple ejections will serve multiple game suspensions and/or banishment from the league. No loud profanity; smack talk or baiting players.
- The Germantown Parks and Recreation Department has discretion to adjust punishments if needed.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS:**

- Teams are responsible for chasing down foul balls on their side of the playing field.
- Teams must clean up the dugouts after every game.
- Teams will hold the "League" and umpires/officials blameless for any injuries that a player might suffer during a game.
- **Alcoholic beverages are prohibited** in all parks, parking lots and playground areas. Persons found in violation of this rule shall be subject to enforcement by a fine of no more than \$50.00 for each violation and any persons found in violation of this rule shall be suspended from the baseball program.
- The Parks & Recreation Department will supply baseballs, scorekeepers, scorebooks, umpires, bases, and field lighting, and trophies. All other cost of equipment will be the responsibility of each team.
- The home team is responsible for keeping the official scorebook, in the event there is no official scorekeeper present.
- **All protests must be logged in writing within 24 hours to the Parks and Recreation. A \$50.00 protest fee must accompany each protest. Judgment calls by the umpire are not subject to protest.**

#### **ALL-STAR GAME:**

- The All-Star game will be played on a date to be announced at a later time, as a way to showcase the talent within this league.
- Each coach is to nominate two (2) position players for their respective division and one (1) pitcher. Nominations are to be emailed to League Director by June 22. On the nomination, please indicate the players nominated desired jersey number, and shirt size. Please nominate players who will be able to attend the All-Star game. Please nominate players who will be able to attend the All-Star game.
- The League Director will choose five the remaining all-stars to complete the rosters. Eighteen (18) players will make up the All-Star Roster for each team.

#### **PLAYOFFS:**

- There will be a post-season tournament following the regular season.

- **To enter the post-season tournament, a league team must submit a \$250 deposit. This deposit will be returned only if the submitting team does not forfeit a game(s). If the submitting team does not forfeit a tournament game, the deposit will be returned to the team.**
- Not all teams are guaranteed to be in the post-season tournament.
- The format will depend on how many games have to be re-scheduled due to weather and how many teams enter the tournament.

#### **TIEBREAKER/SEED PROCEDURES:**

- Seeding for the Championship will be based on overall League winning percentage.
- In the event of a tie, the following tie-breaker system will be used:
  1. Head-to-Head competition
  2. Each team's winning percentage versus the highest common opponent in the standings and continuing down through the lowest common opponent in the standings, if necessary.
  3. Run differential of the tied teams (maximum of ten runs per game).
  4. Coin flip if a tie exists among two teams and a draw if a tie exists among three or more teams.

#### **League Contacts:**

Kevin Weaver – **757-7379** (office) **483-0233** (cell)

Park Ranger (weekends) – **233-4550**

**751-5700** (fax)

[kweaver@germantown-tn.gov](mailto:kweaver@germantown-tn.gov)

#### **Schedules/Standings:**

<http://www.germantown-tn.gov/index.aspx?page=489>

## GERMANTOWN PARKS AND RECREATION

# BASEBALL TEAM ROSTER/WAIVER FORM

TEAM: \_\_\_\_\_ LEAGUE: GABL

INSTRUCTIONS: Each player must read and sign the roster/waiver form to be eligible for play. Any team added to the roster must complete and submit a waiver release form to the Parks & Recreation office prior to participating. No player may be added after the halfway point in the season of league play. (See rules)

WAIVER: With my signature in this form I assume all risks and hazards incidental to the conduct of the program. I do hereby release, absolve indemnity and hold harmless the Germantown Parks and Recreation Department, the City, the organizers, the sponsors, and/or all of them. In case of injury, I likewise waive all claims against the City of Germantown, the organizers, the sponsors, or any supervisors or coaches appointed by them.

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TEAM MANAGER \_\_\_\_\_ DAY PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

TEAMS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE UNTIL ROSTERS ARE COMPLETE AND SUBMITTED. ROSTERS MAY BE  
MAILED TO:

GERMANTOWN PARKS & RECREATION  
2276 WEST STREET, GERMANTOWN, TENNESSEE 38138

# GERMANTOWN PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

## ADULT BASEBALL REGISTRATION

TEAM NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ JERSEY COLOR: \_\_\_\_\_

TEAM MANAGER: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

CELL PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ HOME PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Baseball Receipt:**

**FEE - \$1,500**

RECEIVED FROM: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE RECEIVED: \_\_\_\_\_

BASEBALL REGISTRATION FEE:

CHECK: \_\_\_\_\_ #: \_\_\_\_\_

VISA: \_\_\_\_\_

MASTERCARD: \_\_\_\_\_

BY: \_\_\_\_\_